

# Uintah County Economic Events

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The Uintah Water Conservancy District received \$600,000 in funds from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for a water storage tank.

*Vernal Express, 8/15/2003*

Construction of the new Basin Medical Clinic is underway. The new 10,000 square-foot private clinic will have 12 exam rooms and two treatment rooms. The new clinic is scheduled to open in spring 2004.

*Vernal Express, 7/30/2003*

The \$8.2-million expansion of the Ashley Valley Medical Center is underway. The first phase will realign a road to the hospital and build an 18,000 square-foot building to house the Emergency Department. Phase 2 will begin in 2004 and will add new facilities for labor and delivery and women's and newborn services. The other three phases of the project will be funded after the completion of phase I and II.

*Vernal Express, 6/18/2003; 8/28/2003*

The Uintah Basin Telecommunications Inc. received a \$468,000 grant from the U.S Department of Agriculture to provide broadband services to the Northern Ute Tribe in Whiterocks and Altamont. Funds will be used to extend digital subscriber line-based services. Initial connections will be at the community center, a business, a Head Start facility, and the Post Office.

*Deseret News, 5/20/2003*

California-based Berry Petroleum Co. said it plans to spend up to \$15.5 million to drill up to 26 oil and natural gas wells in the Uintah Basin on the property in the Brundage Canyon field. The timing of the drilling depends on how quickly the property sale from Williams Co. is completed.

*Deseret News, 5/9/2003; see also Deseret News 8/29/2003*

Work is underway on the \$8.2-million renovation of Vernal Junior High School. The project will upgrade classrooms, offices, and other facilities.

*Vernal Express, 5/7/2003*